

Monett, Mo.

Dec. 6, 1922

Dear Ray:

I am here in a meeting. It is very good but not what I would like to see. I will close Sunday and start for home that some night.

I have had a good "breasting spell" any way, and have enjoyed the major part of my campaign. I am in the fifth week of preaching twice a day and writing Sunday School lessons, and am now getting tired of both. Need a change. I dread to go back to El Paso, but it can't be helped. Hope to get there Wednesday - a week from today.

Bro. Morris writes that I am to draw the equipment appropriation of \$3,000 in monthly installments. Now, we bought the folder - a Cleveland - and if we pay cash Jan. 1st or soon

thereafter, we get 10% discount. We need that \$280 since you did not give us the full \$350. Can't you take care of this item over there and instruct Bro. Morris to let us have this fund for. 1st. in cash? This is the only big favor I feel like asking for this time.

Of course, I can handle the matter in installments, but we will lose the discount and have to pay interest on deferred payments too.

How goes the search for a man to become Business Mgr. of the House? Hope he may show up some of these times as I don't like to spend so much time away from home taking the big responsibility of the management fall on Mrs. D.

The will of the Lord be done!

Let me hear from you favorable, if possible by return mail at El Paso.

Yours faithfully J. E. Davis

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EL PASO, TEXAS,

Dec. 14th, 1922

Dear Brother Ray:

Several days ago I wrote you from Monett, Mo., where I was helping in a meeting. We had a very good meeting there.

I reached home yesterday morning, and find things in very good shape. While I was away, Mrs. Davis managed things and she is a good manager-ess. She has kept things going well six weeks this time. She never had that long a time of it before. She says she does not want that long a hitch at it again soon.

However when I have to write my lessons it is folly for me to stay here and try to do it. They drive me about half crazy most of the time, and with the interruptions I can not do my best work. While I was up in Missouri this time I wrote the lessons for the second quarter of next year. Have that all done now.

Am waiting to hear from you about the matter I asked you to do for us. Hope the answer will be satisfactory. I will make arrangements according to your reply.

I have just rented a house right across the street from us here so I can have an office and besides a place to store away our books and things of the kind. We just have no place for what we have. That will make our rent \$131.25 per month now. Hope that in this way we may be able to get along till the Lord gives us a new Publishing House.

It seems so far that the coming year is going to be another red letter year with us. Certainly the blessing of the Lord is upon this work. It seems that we can not keep far enough ahead of the progress to be able to supply all the demands made on us.

Preached for the Mexicans in Kansas City Monday night of this week. I passed through there that day and Bro. Justice had a congregation for me. After a five weeks seige of preaching twice a day in English, I was very agreeably surprised to find that I had no trouble at all preaching in Spanish.

My heart got a good rest up there, and so I am hoping to be able to hang on here a month or so this time before having to get away for another breathing spell. I see no other way out of this trouble. Hope the time will soon come when I can give my whole time to editorial work, as we have planned. May the Lord soon give us the man we need.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis

December 26, 1922

Rev. J. E. Davis,
Box 667,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Davis:-

I have just telegraphed you saying that you could draw January 1st the \$3,000 which we appropriated for your 1923 equipment fund. We are mighty sorry you are caught in a place which made it necessary for you to take this course, but we cannot afford to lose the 10% discount which you can get on the purchase you have recently made.

I telegraphed you day before yesterday what I thought would be the answer to your recent night letter, but my telegram was perhaps not very intelligible to you. My telegraphed in response to the message which the telegraph company gave me over the phone. I evidently misunderstood some of the words and so didn't answer directly your question. The telegram I am sending you today does answer directly your question.

I thought from the way the telegram sounded over the telephone that you wanted the privilege of carrying into 1923 a small amount which was still left over out of your 1922 equipment fund account, and I was trying to say to you in the telegram that you would have the right to carry this equipment fund over into next year. You are not expected to carry current expense funds over into next year but the equipment fund does not have to be settled for by the end of the calendar year.

Now however with the two telegrams in hand you will be able to understand our position and able to handle the transaction that you desire to handle.

I am glad that you had such a good meeting, and you see me to thrive on the outing. The holding of these meetings apparently does effect you somewhat like an outing would effect me.

I am still searching for that business manager. I thought I had one treed a short while ago, but a full investigation

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revealed that he was not the man we were looking for. I have some lines out on others, You may be sure we are not idle.

I have had to be away considerably of late, and this explains why I have gotten behind with my correspondence with you.

I hope you have had a delightful Christmas in every way. God graciously bless you.

Cordially yours,

R/F